available from Chemists without any prescription;

(d) what corrective steps have been taken to stop misuse of these drugs;

(e) whether it is also a fact that most of these drugs are banned in a number of countries;

(f) if so, the names of those countries;

(g) whether Government are reconsidering the issue for withdrawal based on the reports of other counties; and

(h) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (h) The non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs marketed in India and reported to be causing agranulocytosis|aplastic anaemia, a blood disorder, include Analgin, Indomethacin, Phenylbutazone/Oxyphenbutazone and Diclofenac Sodium. The estimated excess risk of agranuloeytasis/aplastic aheamia due to use of these drugs compared to the population who are not exposed to these drugs is reported to vary from one country to another. The average estimated excess risk of blood disorder is reported to be 1.1 per million cases.

The indications for the non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs are for the treatment of acute gout, ankylosing spondylitis, rheumatoio arthritis and other musculo-skeletal disorders. The side-effects and the "precationary note" for these drugs are given in the promotional literature of the popular brands of these products and by and large the prescribing doctors are aware of these side-effects.

All these drugs are prescription drugs and can be available only against the prescription of a Registered Medical Practitioner.

While Analgin and Phenylbutazone|Oxyphanbutazone are withdrawn|restricted marketing in certain countries, they continue to be marketed in a number of countries. There is no report of withdrawal of other non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs in any country. Analgin is reported to be withdrawn in Australia, Norway. USA, Denmark, Bangladesh, Sweden, Canada, Jordan, Singapore and Greece. Phenylbutazone is reported to be withdrawn in Norway, Jordan and United Arab Emirates, Oxyphenbutazone has been withdrawn in Norway, Israel, UK, United Arab Emirates, Finland, Jordan and Zimbabwe.

The Drugs Technical Advisory Board had examined the Boston Surveillance Study of adverse drug reactions on Analgin and based on this study report, had advised the Government that there is no case for banning Analgin. Based on the experts recommendation, Government have restricted the use of Phenylbutazone|Oxyphenbutazone for the treatment of ankylosing spondylitis and gouty arthritis only. Manufacturers of these drugs have been directed to incorporate certain precautionary and contra-indicatoins in the package insert and the promotional literature of these drugs.

Manufacture of Bofors Guns in the country

222. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposals are under consideration for manufacture of Bofors Guns in the country in the private sector;

(b) if so how many proposals have been received and from whom; and

(c) by when a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN

THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) There is no proposal under consideration of Govt. for the manufacture of complete Bofors Gun System in the country in the private sector.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

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[**The Deputy Chairman** in the Chair]

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY (Uttar Pradesh): Sir, we should discuss the Indo-Nepal relations because it is very important, Yesterday you said, "give me notice" and I have given you notice.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I have permitted you.

Brentford Eletcric (India) Limited [Acquisition and Transfer of Undertaking (Intimation regarding Mort gage, Charge, Lien or Other Interest in any property) Rules, 1989]

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): On behalf of Shri J. Vengal Rao, Madam, I lay on the Sabha, under sub-section (3) of section 30 of the Brentford Electric (India) Limited (Acquisition and Transfer of Undertakings) Act, 1987 a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Industry Notification S. O. No. 236(E), dated the 29th March, 1989, publishing the Brentford Electric (India) Limited (Acquisition and Transfer of Undertakings) (Intimation regarding Mortgage, Charge, Lien or Other Interest in any Property) Rules, 1989.

[Placed in Library. See No LT-7782/89].

I. Indian Administrative Service (Appointment by Promotion) Second Amendment Regulations, 1989.

II. Indian Administrative Service (Appoinment by seclection) Second Amendment Regulations, 1989.

III. Statement re. liberalisation of orders with a view to improve the representation of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Communities in Central Government Postal Services .. ..

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): Madam, I lay on the Table—

I. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notificatoins of the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions (Department of Personnel and Training), under sub-section (2) of section 3 of the All India Services Act. 1951:—

(i) G.S.R. No. 399(E), dated the 20th March, 1989, publishing the Indian Administrative Service (Appointment by Promotion) Second Amendment Regulations, 1989.

(ii) G.S.R. No. 400(E), dated the 30th March, 1989, publishing the Indian Administrative Service (Appointment by Section)Second Amendment Regulations, 1989. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-7716/89 for (i) and (ii)].

II. Statement (in English and Hindi) regarding liberalisation of orders with a view to improve the representation of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Communities in Central Government posts/services. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-7791-A/89].